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COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

British Took The Town

Forty Boxers Killed and Wounded in a Fight With Col. Tullock's Troops.

How Lieut. McPherson, Single Handed, Held the Enemy at Bay.

Pekin, Dec. 15.—Col. Tullock, the commander of the British troops who left Peking on Wednesday to investigate the truth of a report that a large amount of gold and valuables had been buried at a certain point 20 miles north-west of the city, by persons connected with the Chinese court, in the latter's flight from the Imperial capital, has returned.

Col. Tullock reported on Thursday the discovery of the body of a man who gave the British information regarding the hidden treasure. He had been decapitated.

Col. Tullock tells of having an excited experience. His force and were fired upon eight miles from Peking. He could not discover the assailants, as they used smokeless powder and modern guns. He camped for a night at a place called Kao-li-yang, eighteen miles from here, meeting with slight opposition, but was informed that he would be attacked the next day by Boxers from Dah-hai-yang, and sent for reinforcements. Fifty men under Lieut. Lopperton, of the 20th Beluchistan regiment, was sent to his assistance.

Immediately after their arrival, Col. Tullock attacked the town, which had to be entered by the use of scaling ladders. In the attack, Lieut. McPherson distinguished himself. He led the scaling party, which reached the town, jumped down into the place and emptied his revolver, killing five men. He then drew his sword and defended himself until his men arrived. He was then killed by a bullet in the forehead. Col. Tullock speaks highly of the lieutenant's action. He says he believes McPherson did a deed which merits the Victoria Cross. In jumping to what apparently was certain death in order to let his men, who were coming up the ladder, arrive. Fortunately the Chinese had only a few cartridges and were badly shot, and none of the British troops were wounded during the fight. Forty Boxers were killed and wounded, and a number captured and brought to Peking. Owing to the killing of the informer, no treasure was obtained.

Tullock says the people of Peking do not realize the contempt in which they are held in the country districts. He adds that one Chinaman said while dying: "You can kill me, but you cannot kill the Boxer movement, which will exist until every devil in China is killed."

Found Ammunition and Arms.
Berlin, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Peking, under date of December 14th, says the Bohschmidt column found a quantity of arms and ammunition at Tsang; several 15-centimetre guns still packed in cases were also found. According to the same dispatch, the Russians have bought 120,000 pounds of rice to be distributed, half free and half at a low price.

PERSONALITIES IN COMMONS.

London, Dec. 15.—The first session of the new parliament, just closed, will ever be memorable owing to the extent where personalities were introduced. The deliberations including voting £10,000,000 for war, yet this was almost forgotten in the flood of personal attacks which permeated the proceedings as it never did before in the history of Westminster. The centre of this movement, has come out of it little the worse. The denunciation of nepotism exemplified by Lord Salisbury's "Cecil" cabinet has accomplished nothing, though the vigorous crusade against cabinet ministers holding directorships has brought about more resignations of such positions than expected. Public opinion on this topic, and the inclusion in the government of so many of Lord Salisbury's relations, is much divided, without regard to party lines, though the Liberals appear satisfied with the efforts to impress on the country this curious condition of affairs.

Apart from these questions, which plunged even the sedate Lords into a vortex of personalities, the excommunication of Mr. Timothy Healy is the most noticeable political feature. The speaker refers to him as by far the ablest living Nationalist, while all the important journals agree that a period of unrest and grave import lies ahead of Ireland. When parliament re-convenes in February it will face the Irish members more determined than ever to obstruct, while the Liberals will make a united effort to bring home to the Unionists a considerable degree of the responsibility for the mismanagement and terrible losses of the war in South Africa.

DISCUSSING THE TREATY.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Immediately after going into executive session today, the senate resumed consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senator Teller taking the floor and continuing his argument against the treaty. He contended for the right of any nation to abrogate a treaty at any time, and said that it

would be practical and competent for the United States to arbitrarily cancel the agreement with Great Britain whenever this country so desired.

It is the opinion of the friends of the treaty that its opponents are trying now to find means of postponing the final vote on the treaty until after the holidays.

PARKER'S PAPER.

First Issue of London Sun Under the Editorship of the Pastor of the City Temple.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 17.—The first issue of the London Sun under the editorship of Rev. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, appeared this afternoon. The column where the day's betting is usually published contains, under the caption "Latest News," "The Wages of Sin Is Death," and other well-known texts, followed by a vigorous protest against gambling. In another editorial Dr. Parker urges the magistrates to "apply the cat and whip out Hoodlums." Otherwise the paper is much the same as usual.

DELAYED BY STORM.

About Thirty Steamships, Bound for New York, Are Overdue.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 17.—About 30 steamships due yesterday, had not been reported late last night. The storms on the Atlantic and head winds are detaining the vessels from Liverpool, London, Havre, Victoria, from Gibraltar, Bulgaria from Hamburg, Minneapolis from London, Colorado from Hull and Rotterdam from Rotterdam. Some of the overdue fleet have been out since the last of November.

BROKE INTO MUSEUM.

And Took Admiral's Baton, Swords and Medals.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 17.—A robbery that bears a remarkable resemblance to that perpetrated a few days ago at the museum at Greenwich hospital in England has been committed at the Louvre museum, the thief obtaining Admiral Baudin's baton, swords of honor, chronometer, medals and orders.

A MANTA FOR OPERATIONS.

Most physicians are anxious to try the surgeon's knife and recommend an operation for piles. A less cruel, less expensive and less risky method is the use of Dr. Chase's ointment, a preparation that has never yet been known to fail to cure piles, no matter of what form or of how long standing. Don't think of risking an operation when you can be cured in your own home by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. The best physicians use it in their practice.

BIG FIRE IN CLEVELAND.

(Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Fire broke out early today in the extensive plant of the Brown Hoisting and Conveying Co., one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the city. It is believed that the various buildings, filled with valuable patterns and machinery, will be destroyed.

E. H. Green

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LORD RECTOR STRATHCONA.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Lord Strathcona will go to Aberdeen today, says the Tribune correspondent, to deliver his inaugural address as Lord Rector of the university.

NERVE DISORDERS OF WOMEN.

Feeble Nerves the Cause of Functional Derangements—New Vigor and Life is Instilled Into the Wasted Cells by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food (Pills).

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The Capture Of Fusiliers

Fought While Their Ammunition Lasted—Reinforcements Failed to Reach Them.

Joubert's Son Reported Killed—Botha May Make Overtures For Peace.

London, Dec. 15.—Telegraphing from Pretoria under the date of December 15th, Lord Kitchener says:

"Clements has come to see me. He says the four companies of the Northumberland held out on the hill as long as their ammunition lasted."

"The Boer force attacking the hill was 2,000 strong, while another force of 1,000 attacked Clements's camp."

"By 6.30 a. m. the hill was carried. Reinforcements of a company of the Yorkshires failed to reach the top. Clements's retirement was carried out with regularity, but, as many native drivers bolted, a considerable amount of transportation and all the ammunition not taken away was destroyed. He reports that all behaved very well."

"Broadwood has gone to Rustenburg, and supports Oliphant's Nek, which has been reinforced."

"A flag of truce which has come to Commando Nek from the Boers says Joubert's son was killed, and further reports their losses as very heavy."

"The Society of Friends of the United Kingdom are about to memorialize Lord Salisbury, protesting against the burning of homesteads, causing great suffering to women and children, as a means of effecting the submission of combatants."

A special dispatch from Standerton, Transvaal, says that Gen. Louis Botha is at Ermelo, taking a peaceful attitude and informing the burghers that the time has come to submit to the inevitable. It is expected that he will shortly make overtures for peace.

Attitude of War Office.

London, Dec. 15.—The astounding and unexpected reverse of the British at Magaliesberg, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after Gen. Buller's defeat at Colenso, utterly disposes of the hope that the Boers in South Africa are nearly ended, and shatters the myth that the operations there were merely of a guerilla nature.

As Mr. Lloyd George (Liberal) said in the House of Commons to-day: "This is one of the most severe reverses suffered by the British, and it is quite evident the war will drag on for many months to come. We have 210,000 men in the field, yet we are unable to protect the small commandos drawn from a pastoral population."

With somewhat cruel coincidence, the Northumberland are known as the "Fighting Fifth." The Second Battalion, to which the captured companies belonged, was one of the heaviest sufferers at Stormberg a year ago. The regiment has often been pronounced by home and foreign critics to be one of the finest in the British army. All the forebodings and criticisms which Colenso gave rise to a year ago have been reinforced by the disaster at the Magaliesberg. The war office has nothing to do but "grin and bear it," and trust to time. Until Gen. Kitchener's forces are transformed into mounted infantry, and the mounted police set to work, Mr. Broderick sees little hope of improvement in the military situation.

But whoever was responsible for the surrender at the Magaliesberg is likely to suffer, for the new war office officials are determined to make examples of generals or any other officers guilty of such gross mismanagement, or worse, which it would seem must have occurred at this last defeat.

This stern attitude on the part of the present government, however, by no means decreases the scorn and ignominy with which certain Liberal members of parliament, who are avowedly pleased by the Boer successes, are regarded by the major portion of the community.

The Pall Mall Gazette to-day editorially declares that such men as Messrs. Courtney, Bryan Roberts and Lloyd George ought to be put in Coventry and be not spoken to by any self-respecting Englishman. The expedient, severe as it is, is likely to meet with approval in all quarters, not excluding the moderate Liberal journals. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, does not escape criticism for tacitly permitting his alleged followers to take up such an avowedly anti-British attitude.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

E. F. Clarke, M.P., elect, West Toronto, has received an appeal from the workmen of Victoria mines, C.B., to assist in having the Alien Labor Act enforced against a crowd of United States workmen engaged in erecting the smelter.

The Liberals have entered a protest against the election of R. A. Pringle in Cornwall and Stormont county.

A brilliant assortment of Libby's fine cut glassware displayed at Weller Bros.

Along the Waterfront.

The big wind storm which started on Saturday and raged throughout most of Sunday was the severest of the season. At times the wind reached a velocity of from 50 to 60 miles an hour. Besides lowering fences and doing other sundry damage, about the city, the high winds held all small craft prisoners in port, and delayed others. The Charmer was an hour late in arriving on Saturday evening, and over an hour late in leaving on Sunday morning. The Captain's boat did not reach port from the Fraser until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. She lay in the lee of James Island all night, and only resumed her voyage when the wind temporarily subsided. The City of Nanaimo and other vessels were also detained by the gale, but so far as known no serious damage was sustained. Signals of the storm were duly shown above the meteorological station on the post office building, both cylinder and inverted cone appearing with white lights above at night.

After taking a year, all but nine days, to round the Horn, the French bark Eugenia Pantrel has arrived at Saas-Francoise from Swansea. This is her maiden voyage, and on this year's venture the owners will have to face a dead loss. A defective rudder caused all the trouble, and it is the captain's belief that the bark will be a month's detention at Buenos Aires. At Montevideo they found the British bark Mistle Hall. She had been in a hurricane and was completely dismasted. Her decks were swept and three of the sailors had lost their lives. Two of the crew were blown from aloft and was instantly killed. The Mistle Hall was such a wreck that the sailors decided to sell her. The crew wanted to get home, so five of them shipped on the Frenchman. Since the Mistle Hall disaster was reported the bark Ashland has been to Montevideo and taken aboard her cargo.

The Labor Gazette contains this month the following fair wage schedule for work on the hydraulic dredge to be built on the coast at the contract price of \$91,515: Foreman-ship carpenters, per day, \$5; ship carpenters, per day of 8 hours, \$4; caulkers, per day of 8 hours, \$4; joiners, per day of 8 hours, \$3; painters, per day of 9 hours, \$3; foreman engineer, day of 10 hours, \$3.50; stokers, day of 10 hours, \$3; machinists, day of 10 hours, \$3; fitters, day of 10 hours, \$3; plumbers, day of 10 hours, \$3; tinmen, day of 10 hours, \$2.50; boiler-makers, day of 10 hours, \$3; blacksmiths, day of 10 hours, \$2.50; mechanics, day of 10 hours, \$2.25; lads' helpers, day of 10 hours, \$2.25; laborers, day of 10 hours, \$2.25; teamsters, double, 10 hours, \$4.50; teamsters, single, 10 hours, \$3.50; timekeepers, day of 10 hours, \$2.25.

Another meeting of the Marine Engineers' Association, held in the Fire Station on Saturday evening, when organization was completed. At a meeting next Saturday evening officers will be elected.

After many troubles the Alpha got away again on her trans-Pacific voyage on Saturday. Engineer W. Matthews, of Vancouver, has replaced Engineer Gordon in charge of the engine-room.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Take notice that an Extraordinary General meeting of the Fairview Corporation, Limited, will be held at the office of the Corporation in the Province of British Columbia, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of further resolutions, to-wit:—

(a) Authorizing the Directors to borrow upon the credit of the Corporation the sum of thirty thousand dollars from George Gooderham, Esquire, of the City of Toronto, at six per cent per annum interest, to be repaid by the Corporation in five equal installments of six thousand dollars each, and to give an option to the said George Gooderham upon an undivided one-half interest in all the lands, mines, properties and assets of the Corporation at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the period of five months, and in the event of such option being exercised to convey an undivided one-half interest to the said Gooderham.

(b) Authorizing the directors to give an option to the said George Gooderham upon an undivided one-half interest in all the lands, mines, properties and assets of the Corporation at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the period of five months, and in the event of such option being exercised to convey an undivided one-half interest to the said Gooderham.

(c) Sanctioning an agreement, dated the 24th of November, 1900, entered into between the Fairview Corporation, Limited, and the said George Gooderham, setting forth the terms of such loan and option, and further providing for the formation of a new company with a capital of one million five hundred thousand dollars divided into five hundred thousand shares, to which it is proposed that all the assets now owned by the Fairview Corporation, Limited, shall be conveyed subject to the provisions of said agreement. The said one million five hundred thousand shares to be divided as follows:

The Fairview Corporation, five hundred thousand; George Gooderham, five hundred thousand; and ninety thousand, to remain in the treasury for "shareholders" being expended as occasion may require in the future development and equipment of the property.

A copy of the agreement in question may be inspected at the head office of the Corporation, at the head office of the Corporation, at the head office of the Corporation.

A full attendance is requested. If not in person, then by proxy.

Dated the 17th day of December, 1900.

G. A. ROBINSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

while a second engineer was secured on the Sound. It is said that the Alpha will probably not return to this port, but that an effort will be made to sell her on the China coast.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

Full Programme of To-Morrow Evening's Entertainment.

PART I.

"Lieder Ohne Worte" (for strings).... Mendelssohn
Selections from "Mosses"..... Handel
(a) Introduction.....
(b) Recitative—"Comfort Ye".....
Aria—"Every Valley".....
A. T. Goward.
(c) Chorus—"Glory of the Lord"....
(d) Recitative—"Thus Saith the Lord"....
Aria—"But Who May Abide"....
Mr. Crane.
(e) Chorus—"Oh, Thou That Tellest"
(f) Recitative and Aria—"He Shall Feed His Flock"....
Mrs. Jansen.
(g) Chorus—"Surely He Hath Done Our Grievs"
(h) Chorus—"Lift Up Your Heads"
During intermission Master J. Rausch will play "The Lost Chord" as a cornet solo, in memory of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan.

PART II.

Overture—"Stradella"..... Elbow
Soprano Solo—"Lullaby" (German)....
Mrs. H. Walche-Windie.
Concerto in G Minor, for piano and orchestra..... Mendelssohn
Soprano Solo (a)—"Thine".....
(b) "Separation"..... Koma
Mrs. Carlos Warfield.
(With violin obligato.)
"Legende" for violin and orchestra....
Ernest A. Powell.
"Choral Fantasia"..... Beethoven
Piano obligato, Mrs. H. Walche-Windie.
"God Save the Queen."

The simplest things are the things that really appeal to us most, and that is only because when we are simple we are natural. An enjoyment that is natural is always the deepest and truest. The moment the artificial, the conventional, comes into our lives, that moment the sweetest realizations go out. Edward Lock in the December Ladies' Home Journal.

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Social Dance

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Admission, 25c. a couple; extra lady, 10c. Dancing commences 9 o'clock.

NOTICE.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A public meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Tuesday next, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the Committee of Citizens appointed to report thereon upon the matter of providing a suitable memorial of the volunteers who served their Queen and Country so faithfully in the South African war, and of the service they rendered to the Empire.



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Children's Solid Gold Rings from 75c.
Ladies' Genuine Solid Gold Diamond Rings from \$3.00.
Ladies' Solid Gold Stone Rings from \$1.50.
Gents' Solid Gold Chains, 14 Karat, \$1.20 dwt.; 12 Karat, 90 cents dwt.
Ladies' 25-year Gold Filled Long Chains from \$5.00.
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—A dispatch from Ottawa announces that the Stebbings of Victoria, is among those returning with Col. Otter from South Africa.

—Selecting Christmas presents is always a difficulty. Kodaks and finishing outfits make appropriate gifts. We have them for beginners, from \$1.00. Best quality kodaks, \$8.00 to \$25.00. Fleming Bros., 52 Government street.

—Don't fail to take in the Grand Prize drawing for the six tier fruit cake and the display of fine Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the new Caledonian Bakery, 112 Yates street. J. C. Darling, Proprietor.

—The street work of graveling from Superior along the beach, which has been along Young and Barr streets, as far as Niagara street, has been completed, and will make an excellent roadway to the park for cyclists in the summer. Croft street and San Juan avenue, in James Bay district, have also been gravelled.

—The regular Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the James Bay Presbyterian church will be held on Friday, December 28th. An excellent programme is being arranged which will consist of fancy and musical items by the Second Victoria Company Boys' Brigade, tableaux (camping and other scenes), solos and recitations. The girls of the Sunday school will also give a drill.

—"Galveston Wreck."—In spite of the bad weather a large audience witnessed the moving pictures at the "Searchlight" 32 East street, last Saturday. Special interest was taken in the moving picture of Galveston after the cyclone. Other features of this week's programme are the Ties of War, Male vs. Female; High Diving, Fiancée's English, etc. Open from 1 to 5, 8.30 to 10 for ladies, children and gentlemen. Admission, 10c.

—A large number attended the matinee of the Savoy management in the A. O. U. W. hall on Saturday afternoon. A laughable sketch entitled "Doctor Care All" opened the programme, and this was followed by Percival Evans, who gave a clever exhibition of dancing. Vocal selections were rendered by Misses Nellie Hillier, Nettie Stanley, and Agnes Freed. Coon songs were also sung by the Waterman Sisters, and a couple of mirth-provoking sketches were given by Berton and Draper, and Bachel and Brown. Alvaro and Miller, Alvaro, who wore a wig in their clever acts, and Joe Carthy gave some excellent sand dances. The Lewis terminated the programme.

—The meeting of the board of police commissioners for North Victoria, which was held at Sidney on Saturday, was presided over by Provincial Police Officer S. Hosking, and Commissioners J. R. Armstrong, of Saanich; Arthur Wells, of Salt Spring Island, and Washington Grimmer. Applications for the renewal of the licenses of the Sidney, North Saanich and hotel were considered. Regarding the application of W. M. Robson, of the Mayne Island house, opposition was given by W. T. Collinson and Canon Padden, while Geo. E. Powell appeared for the applicant. After some discussion the matter was allowed to stand in abeyance until December 20th.

—Minstrelsy, such as presented by the leaders, Messrs. Primrose & Dockstader, has taken its place among the legitimate attractions of the season. Next week has such a good and wide-spread commendation been given to any amusement enterprise. The company includes such well known comedians as Larry Doolley, Wm. O'Brien and Chas. Bogart. The vocalists have been selected with great care, among whom are Chas. Kent, Geo. Trevelyan, St. Morris, Geo. Robinson and Chas. Wilson. The orchestra will include some of America's most talented musicians, under the direction of Professor Latham. The olio will include the famous musical comedians, Bogart and O'Brien, who seem able to get their act out of any primitive instrument. This superb company will be at the Victoria theatre this evening.

—A Stranger in a Strange Land, the new Anglo-American comedy that is coming to the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening, had great success at the Manhattan theatre, New York, last season, where it ran for many weeks, and the cast that presents it in this city is almost of itself a guarantee of delightful entertainment. William Friend will be remembered as one of the members of A. M. Palmer's company. He is possessed a handsome presence as well as abundant talent. Chas. Drake has created many comedy roles of recent years, while Jos. Cusack is a character actor unsurpassed in Indian roles. The other members of the company are just as well known, most of them having been here before and includes Beatrice Narmann, May Anderson, Chas. Lum, E. J. Mack, Chas. Deland, Estella Willmot, Oublie DeLano and Frank J. Gorman.

—Despite the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance at the Remedial hand concert in the drill hall on Saturday evening. The various numbers on the programme were successfully rendered, and much pleasure resulted from the special features. Frank Leroy was at his best, his singing of "Little Black Man" was a treat, and called forth a hearty encore, to which he responded by singing "Honey That I Love So Well." Wallace North's rendition of Piusini's "Queen of the Earth" was very acceptable, his encore number, "Louisiana Liza," was also well received. Another good programme is in preparation for next Saturday evening, when the extra attractions will be a grand prize cake walk between Mr. and Miss Bruno and Messrs. Gledemister

and Carrol, and local solos by the Misses Ethel and Florence Scott.

—Park Commissioner John Hall has been busy the past month supervising road improvements at Beacon Hill park, having had several parts of the roads regravelled where they have been worn away, and drains placed at intervening sections to carry off the rainwater that runs from off Beacon Hill. When "winter" has put the finishing touches on the roads they will be in excellent condition for the bicyclists. He has also had the lawns under the trees near the menagerie levelled and sown with fresh grass seed.

—H. P. Johnson, of Oak Bay avenue, has recently imported from the United States two pens of pure-bred White Plymouth Rock chickens. The birds are handsome specimens of their kind, a number having been procured from W. R. Fisher, of Hope, Indiana, who won several prizes with the birds at the fall show held in New York. Mr. Johnson imported the birds on the recommendation of A. G. Gilbert, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who, when here giving a series of lectures some time ago, stated that the White Plymouth Rock was the suitable fowl for this climate.

—There will be no popular concert on Saturday evening next in the Temperance hall, as the general attention will be diverted in the all-important duty of Christmas shopping. There was a good attendance on Saturday last, and the following splendid programme was rendered: March by the orchestra; recitation, Mrs. Hale; overture by the orchestra; vocal solo, Mr. Oliver; serenade by the orchestra; song Mrs. Stianlund; remarks by Bro. Lewis; waltz by the orchestra; vocal solo, Mrs. Lowe, with cello obligato by A. Parfitt; song and chorus by A. Parfitt, and the orchestra; Stanza and Cake Walk, by the orchestra.

—The Victoria District Farmers' Institute held a meeting at Lake district last Friday evening, when the question of starting a creamery in Saanich district was taken up. Mr. Hadwen, of Duncan, secretary of the Dairyman's Association, was present, and gave some valuable information on the subject. The Hon. Mr. Eberts was also present, and told what the government was willing to do to assist a creamery for Victoria district. At the conclusion of the institute meeting those present formed themselves into the Victoria Creamery Co., with Messrs. J. R. Carmichael and C. E. King as temporary president and secretary. A general meeting for discussion and organization will be held at the Royal Oak school house on Saturday, the 5th of January, 1901, at 2 p.m.

NATURE REVOLTS AGAINST HIGH LIVING and it has set its seal to it by adding to man's ailments the scourge of diabetes. Eminent medical men until recently proclaimed it a "no cure" disease, but South American Kidney Cure has knocked down their pet fallacy and has proved itself master of kidney disease in all its forms. Relief in 6 hours. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—110.

—A copy of G. J. Burnett's latest composition, a sacred song to the grand old words, "Abide With Me," has just been received, and judging by the encomiums of various artists it is destined to leap to the very top rank of popular favor. It is only recently that Mr. Burnett's beautiful song "Nearer My God to Thee" made its appearance, and it is not too much to predict that his latest composition will equal, if not eclipse, his previous work. It is a noble pathos, well sustained throughout, which reaches the hearts of all. For many decades, the eloquent prayer "Abide With Me" has been sung to various tunes; but never to any more commensurate with the spirit of the appeal than that which Mr. Burnett's talent has produced. It is dedicated to Miss Laura Lowren, the well known vocalist of this city. It was published by a prominent London firm, and created a very favorable impression almost immediately upon its introduction in the musical world. Mr. Burnett has achieved no inconsiderable renown in the field of composition, and the fact that he is a Victorian, together with his recognized ability, will induce the lovers of music here to observe his future career with interest.

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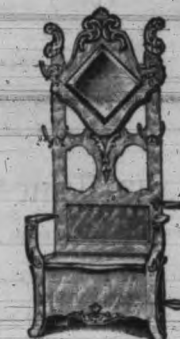
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Volunteers' Memorial

Proposal to Erect Water Gate or Entrance on James Bay

Recommendation of Committee Will Be Laid Before Meeting To-morrow.

At the public meeting which has been called for to-morrow evening to receive the report of the committee which has in hand the drafting of a memorial to those who fell in South Africa, a scheme will be laid before the meeting for the erection of a water gate with appropriate settings in front of the parliament buildings on James Bay. The report is as follows: Gentlemen—Your sub-committee as appointed by His Worship the Mayor met and examined the various projects which have been submitted to them for a worthy memorial to our South African volunteers.

With one exception, which they are prepared to recommend, the plans proposed involved difficulties which rendered them practically impossible of adoption. It may be pointed out that the absence of any space in the city qualified to display to advantage a group of statuary; the great size which any effective monument on Beacon Hill must assume; the expense of a tower for chiming clock with bells; and the insignificance of any less worthy memorial than these are considerations greatly narrowing the choice in this matter.

It is therefore with feelings of much satisfaction that your committee find themselves able to submit for your approval the plan which has commended itself to them as embracing most of those features indispensable to any such monument.

The project is to erect on the water front of Belleville street opposite the main entrance of government buildings a public water gate or approach from the harbor to be known as the "Paardeberg Gate." This structure will comprise landing steps about 100 feet long, leading to a platform about 30 feet wide; from thence the level of the roadway is reached by two broad flights with balustrades. The centre of this platform is to be occupied by a bronze bas-relief about 6 feet by 3 feet 6 inches, representing the incident of the death of Sergeant Scott at Paardeberg while leading his comrades to the attack of the Boer positions. This bas-relief set in the wall, fronting the harbor, within pilasters and under a pediment surmounted by the word Paarde-

berg, will afford the central motive to the construction.

The piers at the lower end of the stairs will be surmounted by lions supporting the arms of the city, those of the upper end by ornamental light standards.

It will be seen that this plan provides a large amount of masonry work with a very small portion of actual sculpture or bronze casting; and yet the prominence given to this latter feature at the head of converging steps and fronting the harbor, will give great dignity and point to the event commemorated. It is also proposed to acquire, if possible, a captured Boer cannon which will then occupy an upper platform above the bronze to be approached from Belleville street by three or four broad steps.

The above work to be executed in granite at a cost, including the bronze, estimated at about \$15,000. It is thought that an additional \$10,000 would enable the carrying of the flanking walls on each side as far as the bridge and the foot of Menzies street.

According to instructions, your committee waited upon the provincial executive in order that nothing in any proposed memorial of the city should conflict with that to be undertaken by the provincial government.

They laid before the executive the above scheme on which was well received, and while the ministers promised to give the matter consideration they were assured that it would not in any way conflict with the interests of the government.

A rough sketch of the elevation is submitted to this report to enable the members of the general committee to form



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Personal.

Thirty-four of the members of Primrose & Dockstader company arrived in the city from the Sound on the steamer Rosalie on Saturday afternoon.

The members of the Victoria Rugby football team came over from Vancouver last evening.

E. E. Billingshurst was among the Victorians arriving from Vancouver last evening.

E. C. Jennings came over from the Mainland on Saturday evening.

A. T. Goward was a passenger from the Mainland last evening.

F. J. Deane arrived from Vancouver on Saturday.

T. Hooper arrived from Vancouver yesterday.

FEDERATED SOCIETIES.

Rally Held Yesterday Afternoon in the A. O. U. W. Hall.

A meeting of the Federated Societies was held yesterday in the A. O. U. W. hall to receive the reports for the year. There was a fair attendance, the number present being more limited than would have been the case had it not been for the inclemency of the weather.

The chair was occupied by President W. H. Price, and an opening address was delivered by Rev. W. D. Barber, in which he referred to the work being done by the societies.

Reports were submitted from the board, from the secretary and president. The general report dealt with a number of matters which have engaged the attention of the Federated Societies for the past year, including the matter of lodge doctors and the proposed addition to the Jubilee hospital.

A long debate ensued on the section relating to the hospital, the general sentiment being strongly in favor of the step, although the details in connection with the matter evoked some very divergent views. The debate on this subject was so prolonged that there was not time to take up any of the other matters mentioned in the report.

The scheme was endorsed by the meeting, and referred back to the different

lodges to ascertain how many members were willing to contribute to it, this information being necessary for the board to deal intelligently with the matter in their negotiations with the hospital board.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Federated Board for their earnest and successful labors during the year.

No report was submitted from the surgeons of the board, owing to the work having been carried on by three physicians. Henceforth, however, the senior physician, Dr. Ernest Hall, will report for the lodge surgeons.

Rev. Dr. Wilson delivered a short address at the close of the proceedings.

A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.

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The report of the sub-committee, the

scheme of which for the perpetuation of

the memory of the volunteers who died

in South Africa was made to the general

committee some days ago, has made its

appearance somewhat prematurely, judg-

ing by the statements given to the

press at the time of its presentation.

But with that the public have

little concern. The idea is a good

one, and there can be little doubt but

that it will meet with general approval.

"It will not be too costly, it will be in a commanding

position and it will give a clean, neat,

and possibly artistic, appearance to a

part of the city which at present is

anything but pleasing to the eye to dwell

upon." It would be well if that work and

the reclamation scheme could go on at

the same time, for certainly the mem-

orial would not be in harmony with a

large part of its surroundings with the

present James Bay bridge standing. All

these things are matters which will be

dealt with at the proper time, however.

The monument will have a beautiful

background and a noble structure behind

it will present a fine appearance to

visitors entering the harbor, and is a most

happy inspiration for the purpose for which

it is designed.

BRITAIN AND SOUTH AFRICA.

It is unfortunate for the country, and

may prove disastrous to the fortunes of

the Liberal party in Great Britain, that

some of its leaders are so carried away

by party prejudice that they will not

read correctly the later history of Boer

rule in South Africa. The evidence is

becoming more conclusive every day that

if the Imperial government had not acted

as hastily as it did Britain would have

been forced to confront on the field a

united Dutch South Africa. Kruger

claims to have had promises of assist-

ance from Europe also, but of that there

is no evidence but his word which de-

spite his piety has not proved to be

unimpeachable. He says he will prove

the truth of his assertions when the time

comes, and if the time ever does come

his documents will make a sensation in

the world. According to the evidence

of men who were in the Transvaal

at the time the negotiations with

Great Britain had assumed such a critical

aspect, Kruger and Reitz were eager

for war, were determined that there

should be no other end to the negotia-

tions and issued their "insolent ultimatum"

with a light heart. They expected

their armies to sweep down through

Basutoland, Natal and Cape Colony,

gathering Dutch recruits by the thou-

the conclusion of the war the little sym-

pathy at one time felt in the republic

for the cause of the British will entirely

disappear. That seems rather unrea-

sonable, but it is no doubt substantially

correct. It will not alter the determina-

tion of the government as announced

by Mr. Chamberlain, however. It would

be a most preposterous thing to hand

over the administration of a conquered

territory to a people who are not

because of an act of unprovoked aggres-

sion to a people avowedly hostile to the

institutions of the conqueror and with

the evil passions which the war aroused

still ranking in their hearts. There

must be an interregnum of administra-

tion by the Crown, but there is an abso-

lute guarantee of justice, freedom and

fair play for all. The remoteness or

the nearness of the day when the colo-

nists shall have entire control of their

affairs depends entirely on themselves.

That they will very speedily decide to

accept of the inevitable and make the

most of a situation in which they stand

to lose none of their former indepen-

dence we all hope and believe. But as

the conditions are now, with the world

practically hostile to Great Britain, with

the United States carping and girding,

with France in such a condition that

no one knows what a day may bring forth,

with the population of Germany anti-

onistic whatever the policy of her gov-

ernment may be, and with Russia pur-

suing her traditional course, surely now

is the time for the Empire to be united

in all its parts. There should be a

cessation of criticism until the war is over.

Such exhibitions as have been given in

the House of Commons of late simply

encourage the Boers to keep up a

species of warfare which is but adding to

the ruin which has overtaken their country

and is piling additional misery and

hardship upon its inhabitants. Moreover

they are doing a grievous injury to the

Liberal party.

CANADA AND THE EMPIRE.

All Canadians will agree with Prin-

cipal Grant that the time has come when

Canada should take active measures for

her own defence. We have depended

too long on the strong arm of the

Mother Country to shield us from

possible enemies. The navy the Mother

Land will have to maintain in its

present relative strength as compared

with the ocean-going armaments of the

other nations of the world, and in such a

condition it will always be equal to the

defence of the commerce and the shores

of the Empire. Some time ago certain

of the Australian colonies decided that

in order to maintain their self-respect it

was incumbent upon them to contribute

to the cost of maintaining and construct-

ing the royal navy. The principal of

Queen's University holds that the time

has arrived for Canada to take some

action to relieve Great Britain of the

expense of maintaining our fortifica-

tions on the Atlantic and the Pacific.

That is not a subject that can be

dealt with off-hand. The carrying out of

such a scheme would involve the creation

of a standing army of considerable

dimensions for a country with the

resources of the Dominion. Then there

is another aspect of the question which

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"Recent Canadian papers to hand show

how seriously the defeat of Sir Wilfrid

Laurier might have embarrassed the

mother country and injured the whole

Empire." During the electoral campaign

prominent Conservative papers published

calculations to show how easily the

mother country might alter her tariff to

suit Canada. It would be interesting to

hear what the colonists would say if we

took to criticizing their tariffs, and sug-

gesting that they should be altered to

suit our convenience. We should promp-

tly be told that the colonies were inde-

pendent in everything except allegiance

to a common Sovereign, and we should

be warned not to repeat the policy that

led to the loss of the American colonies.

But if the colonies are independent of

the mother country it is clear that in the

opinion of Canadian protectionists the

mother country is not independent of the

colonies. The Montreal Star of Novem-

ber 3rd, after pointing out how Canada

would profit if Great Britain were to

tax foreign corn and meat, cheese and

butter, and poultry, says: "Is not that

worth trying for? A Conservative gov-

ernment would urgently request it, and

ask the other colonies to join in pressing

the matter upon the attention of the

British government. And it is not likely

that such a request coming from all the

self-governing colonies would be refus-

ed? Such a request certainly would be

refused from whomsoever it came, for

Great Britain cannot afford to ruin her

manufactures even to please her colo-

nies; but it is satisfactory to find that

the splendid victory of Sir Wilfrid Lau-

rier has removed all danger of the

presentation of such an impossible demand."

The learned gentlemen who make a

pastime and business of gazing into

space and pondering upon the mysteries

of the heavens have been grievously

disappointed at the action of multitudes

of the learned gentlemen of the Levee,

commonly called shooting stars, we

believe. By some force or law beyond

human comprehension these visitors,

which were expected in large numbers

last month, have been diverted from

their courses and have not been con-

sumed by the fierceness of their en-

ergetic flight through the atmosphere of

the earth.

Dewet has escaped, but he left a very

large trail behind him.

THE AVERAGE CONGREGATION.

Some go to church just for a walk.

Some go there to meet a friend.

Some go there to spend the time.

Some go for general observation.

Some go for private speculation.

Some go to seek or find a lover.

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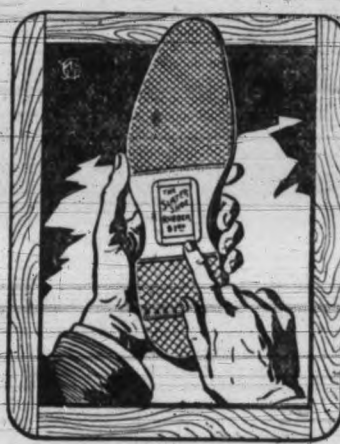
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 17-5 a.m.—An extensive system of low barometer areas covers this province and the Northwest Territories. Yesterday's heavy gale in this morning centered at Prince Albert. The barometer is falling again in advance of another storm area approaching Vancouver Island. Yesterday's storm was extensive, reaching south to Oregon and California coast. The wind reached an hourly velocity of 40 miles. Temperatures were mild, and rain fell general at most points west of the Rockies.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong northerly to westerly wind; unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds, mostly easterly, becoming fresh on the Straits, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, 3 miles S. E.; rain, 10; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 18; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 72; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The annual Christmas treat of the First Presbyterian Sunday school takes place on Wednesday evening.

The regular choir practice of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held on Wednesday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock instead of Friday evening.

Fishery Overseer Galbraith has reported to the police that Indians are peddling trout and young salmon under three pounds weight, in contravention of the law.

Philharmonic Concert to-morrow night. Chorus and Orchestra of seventy-five.

The Friendly Help Society announce that its room in the market building will be open every afternoon of this week for the receiving of Christmas donations. These will be accepted from all, and particularly from the children. The room will also be open at the usual hour every morning, but donations will then not be looked for.

The police court on Thursday for refusing to pay their trading stamps license for November are but the advance guard of those who will also be served if they do not display more alacrity in paying their amount for December. The license is payable in advance, and the collector intends instituting further proceedings if it is not forthcoming.

Rev. Mr. Winchester, who is leaving the city shortly to take charge of Knox Presbyterian church, Toronto, in succession to Rev. Mr. Parsons, is retiring on an allowance of \$2,000, gave his farewell sermon from the pulpit of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening. A formal farewell of Rev. Winchester will be taken by the members of St. Andrew's church to-morrow evening in the lecture hall of the church.

Philharmonic Concert to-morrow night, Institute Hall. Admission, 50c.

The High school entrance examinations were commenced in South Park school this morning under the supervision of the superintendent of education. There were 59 candidates, representing the various city schools, as follows: South Park 5, North Ward 10, Boys' Central 13, Girls' Central 12, Victoria West 12. The remaining seven were from the rural schools in other localities. The subjects on which the candidates were examined this morning were anatomy and Canadian history. This afternoon papers on mental arithmetic, British history and geography are receiving consideration. The examination will occupy at least two days.

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FARMERS IN SESSION.

The Central Institute Meeting To-day—Representatives Present From Various parts of the Province.

The Central Farmers' Institute met in annual session in the agricultural department rooms this morning. The chair was occupied by President D. Graham, of Spallumcheen.

There was a good attendance of delegates from all parts of the province as follows: E. Hutcheson, Delta; Geo. W. Beebe, Kent; D. Johnson, Surrey; E. D. Folwell, Alberni; J. Shopland, Victoria; J. C. Metcalfe, Maple Ridge and Coquitlam; D. Graham, Spallumcheen; Percy Purvis, Ganges Harbor; T. C. Oldershaw, Metcalfe; L. R. Authier, Matsqui; J. J. McMillan, Comox; A. J. Palmer, Salmon Arm; F. J. Deane, Kamloops; Alex. Philip, Richmond; R. H. Langley, H. W. Hays, Osoyoos.

Superintendent Anderson addressed the members at some length, and treated the various subjects to come before the Institute in a comprehensive way. He dealt in opening with the correspondence which had passed between himself and Mr. Threlk, of the Settlers' Association, in which that gentleman had pressed for representation of his association at the Institute. It was pointed out that this could only be done by an amendment to the act. Reference was also made to the concurrent gathering of the Good Roads Association. The recommendations of the Institute at the last meeting had not been crystallized into legislation owing to the peculiar nature of last session. The government had, however, promised extra consideration at the next session. Reference was also made to the increase of the bounty on coyotes, and to the proposed division of the Deedney and Burrard Institute. The deputy minister also referred to the falling off in the total membership. This was due almost entirely to inefficient officers and required radical remedy, and it was suggested that the Institute should consider the matter. He would also ask the appointment of a committee to meet one from the Natural History Society in reference to the importation of song birds and insectivorous birds.

He further suggested that the Confessions Diseases Act be amended so as to permit the publication of the names of owners of dairies which did not pass inspection. This might do away with disease resulting from the sale of bad milk.

He closed his remarks by emphasizing the necessity for more assistance in the department, which had been crippled in the past from this cause.

It was decided to appoint a committee of five on resolutions and procedure, as follows: Messrs. Hadwen, Metcalfe, Phillips, Hutcheson and Balfour. All resolutions to be brought forward are to be handed to this committee.

It was decided to meet the Good Roads Association to-morrow at the department at 2 p. m.

The Institute then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m., after accepting with thanks the mayor's invitation, and asking him to attend the sessions of the Institute.

Afternoon the members had under consideration amendments to the act, which were engaging their attention at the time of going to press.

Primrose and Dockstader's minstrels arrived in the city yesterday from the Sound, and at noon to-day held their parade, which was witnessed by a large number. They adopted a new professional procedure, today, every member of the troupe being in a carriage, fancy trappings being attached to the equines. The manager of the company, James H. Decker, is authority for the assertion that in every essential feature the company this year is infinitely superior to that of the past, and that to-night all lovers of wit, humor and pathos, will be afforded a splendid entertainment. Many new specialties will be inaugurated, among them "The Choir Boy's Dream" with impressive church effect. Other novelties will also contribute to the performance.

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The secretary of the school board is calling for tenders for repairs and alterations to Rock Bay school premises. Specifications can be seen at the secretary's office.

The Garrison dance club will hold their weekly dance this week on Wednesday, the 19th inst. instead of Friday, the 21st inst., on account of the Fifth Regiment ball taking place on the latter date.

W. R. Bow, of the C. P. R. car service in Vancouver, has accepted a position in the office of the manager of the B. & N. here. Mr. Bow is a son of Geo. Bow, formerly of the local C. P. R. ticket office, and now travelling agent between North Bend and Vancouver.

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**Santa's Grotto
Opened To-day
At 10 a.m.**

Santa expects another busy day, and has ordered special preparations to be made, which will add to the comfort of his guests. He will have more time, he says, to speak to the dear children and present them with Big Boxes of Candy and Free Presents to his.

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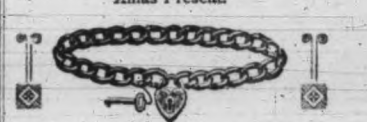
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Sporting News

THE GUN.
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THE WHEEL.
RACERS PAID OFF.
(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 17.—The six-day bicycle race was paid off this afternoon. Eike and McFarland received \$1,200, Pierce and McEachern \$1,000, Stiner and Goulet \$750, Kaser and Byers \$500, Walter and Stinson \$250, and Balcock and Anderson \$250. After receiving his money Walter said that he and his partner, Stinson, were over \$300 loser, their expenses having amounted to much more than they expected. Something was given to Turville and Goulet, but how much is not known.

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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

VICTORIA TIDES
By F. Napier, Donkey.

Tuesday, Dec. 18.		Wednesday, Dec. 19.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
3:30 a.m.	8.0 feet.	3:30 a.m.	8.7 feet.
6:30 a.m.	5.6 feet.	6:30 a.m.	5.0 feet.
9:30 a.m.	3.0 feet.	9:30 a.m.	2.4 feet.
12:30 p.m.	1.0 feet.	12:30 p.m.	0.8 feet.
3:30 p.m.	2.5 feet.	3:30 p.m.	2.1 feet.

Improved wharfage facilities are being provided for next year's business on the Skeena river. The steamer Willapa, Captain McGroskie, which returned from the North this morning, reports that at P. Hornby's wharf the wharf is to be extended 100 feet along the river and 10 feet out into the stream. A new store is also in course of erection at the cannery, while at Cunningham's cannery similar improvements are in progress, the wharf being enlarged and strengthened. The steamer had a very stormy voyage on return. She passed the Comstance and Hope in shelter at Quathlaska Cove, the latter, with a scow and boom of logs in tow, having been out four days. The passengers arriving on the Willapa were: Mr. and Mrs. Hermon and family, Mrs. Stephen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robillard and family, Mrs. Wells, Capt. Bonser, Geo. Heaton, A. Oliver, G. Howson, C. Cousin, F. Cook, M. M. Conner, J. McCulloch, J. Findlay, R. H. Piddock, A. H. Piddock and G. A. McTavish. The Willapa sails for Northern ports again to-morrow evening.

Captain Bonser, of the stern-wheeler Monte Christo, which has been operated on the Skeena river during the past season, is in the city on business in connection with the securing of a new vessel for the route, and it is understood, with the intention of having one built for the purpose in this city. The Monte Christo so damaged herself on her last trip down the river that a new hull is required and into this the old machinery will be transferred. She has been the most successful steamer that has ever run on the Skeena, her exceedingly light draught enabling her to make the trip to Hazelton when all other steamers would be compelled to tie up.

R. P. Rithet & Co's freight and shipping circular for the month of December contains the following comment on business: "The freight market has continued steady during the month, rates for general cargoes being slightly lowered towards the close. For lumber tonnage there is a good inquiry, but without any change. The list of charters shows that for the season business keeps brisk. The salmon vessels sailed in November. The 'Marshall' leaving on the Fraser river, will take the balance of the season's pack."

Anxiety is felt for the safety of the Vancouver steamer "Lois," which plies daily between that port and Hazelton. On Saturday the steamer failed to return from her regular trip and on Sunday the tug Defiance was sent out in search of her, but up to the time the steamer left for Victoria last night neither had been heard from. It is possible, however, that both are storm-bound.

Steamer "Willapa," which arrived from the North this morning, passed the steamer "Victoria" on her way to Alaska off the Copper River. She was on her first trip to the northern service, and was steaming along at a rapid rate.

Steamer Queen City is being detained on the coast by bad weather. She will have a cargo of 220 tons of ore from the Monitor mine, Alberni, for shipment to the Tacoma smelter.

Steamer Princess Louise, after extensive repairs, has replaced the "Yosemite" on the Fraser river run.

C. P. R. bulletin reports the arrival of the "Canard" liner Umbria at New York at 11 a.m. to-day.

Steamer Princess Louise left Vancouver at 1:20 p.m., connecting with the Eastern train.

Steamers Clear, Oscar and Daisy are wind-bound at James Island.

NOTES FROM NANAIMO.
(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Dec. 17.—The Miners' Union on Saturday night decided not to carry out the proposed conversion of the Nanaimo semi-weekly Herald into a daily at present.

Extension is now freed from quarantine. Nanaimo will probably be declared free next Saturday. There are no new cases, and all under treatment are progressing to recovery.

A heavy vote is being polled for the new water works purchase loan by-law to-day.

RETURNS FROM THE NORTH
Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Returning Officer McGreggor, who arrived today, brought the following additional returns from the North, which swell Mr. Maxwell's majority by an additional 40.
—Maxwell's majority previously reported, 620.

	Maxwell, Garden.	
Nas	9	4
Simpson	10	10
Metlakatla	4	2
Inverness	4	3
Eslington	26	4
Rivers Inlet	1	2
Aleut Bay	1	2
	40	27

MANY CASES OF SMALLPOX.
Erie, Utah, Dec. 17.—The smallest attention in eastern Utah is becoming most alarming. There are nearly a hundred cases at Scofield, while Winter Quarters, Clear Creek and Sunnyside, in the east end of Carbon county, report numerous cases.

Dr. Harold Anderson, of the Toronto University, recently appointed assistant to Dr. Watt at the Vancouver station, arrived in the city last evening, and is registered at the Hotel Victoria.

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THE COMING SESSION.
Rumored That the House Will Meet on February 5th.

It is rumored among members of the legislature that the house will be summoned for the dispatch of business about the 5th of February. It was originally expected that the session would commence early in January, but it is understood to have been the desire of the Attorney-General to postpone the session until the end of February. This elicited strong objection from the members from the interior with whose plans, owing to the probable length of the sitting, the arrangement would seriously interfere.

An announcement of the government's policy is looked forward to by the members on both sides of the house, as owing to the peculiar circumstances attending the last session the administration was prevented from making many steps outside routine business.

In connection with the re-organization of the house it is stated that South Curtis will introduce a bill making it illegal for a member of the house to accept office from the government during membership or within twelve months after ceasing to become a member of the house. The operation of such a measure would prevent the present finance minister from graduating immediately from a portfolio to the office of the agent-general in London.

SAD DROWNING.
Basil Menzies Loses His Life at Rivers Inlet.

News was received by the steamer Willapa, which reached here to-day, of the sad death by drowning of Basil Menzies, the little son of St. M. Menzies, who moved up to Rivers Inlet from this city about the first of last month. The little fellow had been playing on some logs on the beach with his brother Harry, and the tide being at its highest, they fell into the water. Harry went down twice, but on coming up the second time grasped a log and shouted for help. His cries were heard by an elder brother, Teddy, aged fifteen, who, with several other men rushed to his help. They saw Basil floating on the water, and Teddy jumped in after him, but missed him, and when he was finally recovered, life was extinct.

He did not struggle at all, which leads to the supposition that he struck his head as he fell into the water, stunning him. This is borne out by the fact that there is a bad scar across his forehead and that both cheeks and ears are blackened. His head was also jammed between two logs. The victim was a great favorite in the family, and great sympathy is felt for his parents. The sad affair took place on the 6th inst., near Findlay, Durham and Brodie's cannery at the head of Rivers Inlet.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.
Number of Cases Before Magistrate. Hearing of Some Resumed This Afternoon.

There was a good attendance in the police court this morning, and while the number of cases was not particularly large, one, their hearing was not finished, and is being resumed this afternoon. Two drunks were punished off-handly at \$2.50 or five days each. They paid their fines. Peter Peterson was charged with assaulting a Japanese in a Johnson street restaurant. The preliminary stages of the row occurred at noon yesterday, when nothing serious resulted. At night, however, both men met again and Peterson assaulted the Jap. He claimed that the Oriental used insulting language to him. This was not borne out by evidence, and he was fined \$10 or twenty days' imprisonment with hard labor. Lulu Hall paid \$50 for being a inmate of a bawdy house. The case of Ah Tim, charged with cutting another Chinaman, was resumed. The evidence of Dr. Frank Hall was the principal taken this morning, and from it the accused was evidently in the most serious condition after the fracas. The wound in his antagonist's leg was about three or four inches in depth, severing one of the arteries. The case was resumed until to-morrow. The hearing of the case of Ah Chien, charged with being in possession of stolen property, is being held this afternoon, while that of Charles Hansen, the last charged with theft of an ancient and some books from Mr. Stevenson, is also taking place. Another culprit for to-day's proceedings is C. H. Robert Robinson, charged with being in possession of a patent cork extractor, belonging to Pither & Leiber.

A BAD CASE OF ASTHMA.
Mrs. George Budden, Putnamville, Ont., says that for twenty years she was afflicted with asthma, and that she had tried every remedy, as I had the asthma very bad; could get nothing to do me any good. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it, and it proved successful. I tried it, and it cured me. I am thankful to-day to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy. I keep it in the house all the time, and would not be without it."

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